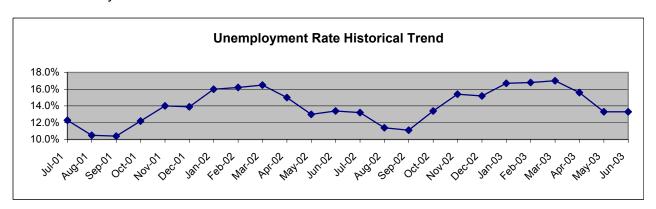
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IMMEDIATE RELEASE FRESNO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) (Fresno and Madera Counties)

The unemployment rate in Fresno MSA was 13.3 percent in June 2003, the same as a revised 13.3 percent in May 2003, and below the year-ago estimate of 13.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.7 percent for California and 6.5 percent for the nation during the same period. The unemployment rate was 13.4 percent in Fresno County and 12.6 percent in Madera County.



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Note - Data not adjusted for seasonality